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1.	Statement		

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	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	1-24	YES NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-24	YES NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	<u>1-24</u> 	YES NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report concerns the new claims received on 2004-11-19.

The application is concerned with a problem that multi token bucket solutions, in charging systems, create a large amount of signalling traffic.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1. WO 0201847 A1 D2. WO 0117222 A1

D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a method and apparatus for charging of communication services (see abstract). The system in D1 contains a prepaid service account with a charging value that can be used to pay for outgoing calls and services. The system allows parallel, i.e. timely overlapping, prepaid service for a single user to be charged on the same prepaid account see page 8, line 17-30).

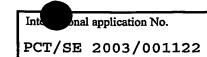
D2 is a background art document and is not considered to be of particular relevance.

Claims 1-7 and 14-24:

The invention according to these claims differs from D1 in the token bucket stores plurality of service a reservations. Ιt is not considered obvious for a person skilled in the art to include such reservations in the system in D1. Thus, the invention according to claims 1-7 and claims 14-24 is novel and includes an inventive step. The invention according to these claims is also considered industrially applicable.

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Claims 8-13:

The invention according to these claims differs from D1 in that the charging policy decision point is arranged to calculate a charging policy for a plurality of allowed services for a user. It is not considered obvious for a person skilled in the art to include this feature in the system in D1. Thus, the invention according to claims 8-13 is novel and includes an inventive step. The invention according to these claims is also considered to be industrially applicable.